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E.O. 11652: N/A

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SUBJ: ZAMBIA TO SUE OIL COMPANIES

1. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS, 17 OIL COMPANIES HAVE BEEN INFORMED OF THE GOVERNMENT OF ZAMBIA'S INTENTION TO BRING SUIT AGAINST THEM FOR K750 MILLION (DOLS 937 MILLION IN DAMAGES SUFFERED BY ZAMBIA AS A RESULT OF THE COMAPNIES' VIOLATION OF RHODESIAN OIL SANCTIONS. THE COMPANIES WERE NOTIFIED BY LETTER FROM ATTORNEY GENERAL MAINZA CHONA THAT THEY WILL BE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY TO DEPRIVE ZAMBIA OF OIL AND SUPPORT THE ILLEGAL RHODESIAN REGIME. THE LETTER STATED THAT THE OIL COMPANIES ACTION "CAUSED AND CONTINUES TO CAUSE CONSIDERABLE FINANCIAL LOSS TO ZAMBIA PUTTING HER ECONOMY AT VERY SERIOUS RISK". THE COMPANIES WILL BE CHARGED WITH VIOLATING SANCTIONS, INTERNATIONAL LAW, NATIONAL SANCTIONS, AND BREACHES OF CONTRACT AS WELL AS CONSPIRACY.

2. THE LETTER WAS SENT TO SHELL, BP, CALTEX, MOBIL, AND A
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NUMBER OF ASSOCIATED COMPANIES. THOSE NOTIFIED HAVE 35 DAYS TO ADVISE THE GRZ AS TO WHOM THEIR COUNSEL WILL BE.

3. COMMENTING ON THE LETTERS, CHONA SAID THAT, "IRRESPECTIVE OF ANY CLAIM, THE ZAMBIAN GOVERNMENT WANTED THE COMPANIES CONCERNED TO IMMEDIATELY USE ALL THEIR INFLUENCE TO ENSURE THAT SANCTIONS WERE STRICTLY COMPLIED WITH IN ORDER TO BRING

THE ILLEGAL REGIME TO AN END AND FREE ZAMBIA'S ECONOMY."
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